

1 AN ACT in relation to public aid.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 changing Section 4-1.12 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/4-1.12)

7 Sec. 4-1.12. Five year limitation.

8 (a) No assistance unit shall be eligible for a cash
9 grant under this Article if it includes an adult who has
10 received cash assistance as an adult for 60 months, whether
11 or not consecutive, after the effective date of this
12 amendatory Act of 1997. The Illinois Department may exempt
13 individual assistance units from the 60-month limitation or
14 determine circumstances under which a month or months would
15 not count towards the 60-month limitation even though the
16 assistance unit did receive cash assistance under this
17 Article.

18 (b) In addition to months that the Illinois Department
19 determines by rule not to count toward the 60-month
20 limitation under subsection (a), the Illinois Department
21 shall not count months in which the adult receiving
22 assistance under this Article is the primary caregiver for a
23 disabled family member, as defined by the Illinois Department
24 in rules, if the demands of that caregiving are inconsistent
25 with sustained employment. In addition, families that meet
26 the definition in the preceding sentence that have exhausted
27 their eligibility for cash assistance under the 60-month
28 limitation shall be eligible for cash assistance without
29 regard to the 60-month limitation.

30 (Source: P.A. 90-17, eff. 7-1-97.)